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Boy struck, dragged 20 metres

INJURIES A young boy on a bicycle suffered a serious left arm injury, an abdominal injury and several cuts and bruises after being struck by an SUV in the 500 block of Woodbridge Terrace SW and dragged for 20 metres.

Two paramedics were close by attending to another patient and the pair split up to accommodate the care of both patients — with one going to attend to the 10-year-old.

A second ambulance was dispatched and transported the boy to Alberta Children's Hospital in serious, but non-life-threatening injury.

Calgary Police are investigating.

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Canada's Blythe Hartley, who trains in Calgary, competes in the Women's 3m Springboard final held at the National Aquatics Centre during Day 9 of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games yesterday in Beijing, China. The former world one-metre springboard champion placed fourth in the event. More Olympic coverage, page 9

Cash Corner strapped?

Labourers say jobs sparse, worse for single-skill workers

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Touted as an easy-to-find-work labour market, Calgary has earned its reputation as an "employees" city — or has it?

Finding legitimate cash here isn't an easy task and while full-time work seems to be thriving, getting paid cash daily or finding same day work isn't as easy.

Robert Michael is a 40-year-old labourer working as a mover and has been around Cash Corner downtown for over eight years.

"I'm one of the lucky ones around here, I actually have been working full-time with the same job for four years, but some of the other guys have trouble" Michael tells Metro.

"I haven't been working this week though 'cause I was mad at the boss, and couldn't find other work so I think it's time to forgive him," he laughs.

Michael says on any given weekday there are up to 40 guys waiting for work by 7 a.m., and only about half get picked up.

"We're all buddies but it can get pretty competitive when people are looking for work because there isn't much around here."

He says temp agencies pay $10-$12 an hour where as Cash Corner gets a minimum of $15-$20 or more.

Another labourer says the guys who have the most variety of skills have a better chance of getting picked up.

"If you can only do one skill or trade, you might be waiting out here a long time. It's good to know roofing, or concrete and framing, painting, you know, just be a 'Jack of all Trades' to survive," Bradley Matthison says.

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Fire guts 2 homes in SE end

SMOKE The quick actions of a neighbour may have prevented a fire, which destroyed two southeast homes and threatened a third, from being much worse.

"He definitely was instrumental in averting a huge disaster," said Calgary Fire Department's Jeff Budai, adding that by noticing the smoke early on and notifying his neighbours, he probably saved at least four people's lives as well as the lives of their pet snake, rabbit and dog.

Around 2 p.m. yesterday, fire officials responded to calls on the 300 block of Douglas Ridge Green and found two side-by-side two-storey homes fully engulfed. Both houses are likely write-offs.

While the cause of the blaze will be under investigation for the next two days and firefighters were on scene throughout the night keeping a close eye on possible flare ups, Budai said blustering wind definitely spread the flames to a third residence, which were extinguished quickly and only caused minor roof damage.

"It's going to be a fairly lengthy process," Budai said. "We're dealing with some fairly significant damage and it's going to take awhile to sort through it all."

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Injuries

- No one was injured in the fires but EMS personal were on scene helping fire fighters reduce the impact of possible dehydration and heat exhaustion.

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Weekend blaze
City cops are searching for a suspect that damaged a home under construction in the 100 block of Royal Elm Road NW over the weekend. Once inside the suspect caused damage to a natural gas fixture and leaked fumes through the house. METRO CALGARY

Local

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Canadian Blood Services is urgently calling on donors to attend a blood donor clinic this Thursday at the Triwood Community Association between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information visit www.blood.ca.
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Keeping families together

Charity run hopes to raise over $70,000 for Ronald McDonald House

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ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY
Amanda Powell and Allison Blue run through belly dancers from Studio Sublime lined up to cheer on runners in the Ronald McDonald House Southern Alberta Rock the House Run yesterday.

Sherri Nielsen cried for a month straight.

Fuelled by fear for the future and what it might entail, Nielsen was a wreck for most of March and it took the strength of her daughter Leeza, 5, diagnosed with leukemia earlier this year, to snap her out of it.

"She's been so strong, she needed me to be strong and I'd be sitting there crying and she would just tell me that everything was going to be alright," said Nielson yesterday in the midst of Rock the House Run for Ronald McDonald House. "She knows words that no child that age should have to know, in a heartbeat she went from being just a normal child to being so sick, but through it all, she's still maintained a great outlook."

Yesterday's run was expected to raise more than $70,000 for the House's day-to-day operations and nearly doubled in participation from the first instalment, with more than 700 people walking and running both five and 10-kilometre courses, said its executive director Larry Mathieson.

"This event helps us keep the doors open and the lights on," he said.

It has also helped make the Nielsen family's journey much easier, Sherri said, with trips for treatment regularly back and forth from Hussar and no other place to stay while her daughter fights to get healthy.

"I don't know where I would be without this place," she said.

Police searching for bank robber

CRIME Calgary cops are on the lookout for a white man in his late 30s or early 40s who they suspect robbed a TD Canada Trust Saturday afternoon.

Around 3:20 p.m. the 140-pound man, wearing a beige hat and shirt and dark pants, entered the bank on the 3000 block of 17 Ave. SE, handing over a note and demanding cash.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222 TIPS.

METRO CALGARY

News in brief

COLLISION A 23-year-old male was brought to hospital with minor injuries after the car he was riding in collided with a C-train yesterday morning. The crash happened around 11:30 a.m. at 4th Ave. and 10 St. SW. EMS arrived on scene to treat four occupants from the car and passengers on the train.
METRO CALGARY

Local wins national art award

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HONOUR Calling it an honour to be recognized for his work, a Calgary art student has a glowing smile after winning a national art award.

Jeremy Jeresky, a 31-year-old graduating student of Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) won the BMO 1st Art! 2008 National award for his piece.

"It still feels a little bit unreal actually, but I think it's starting to sink in. It's a very good feeling and I feel like I'm walking on a cloud," he told Metro.

"It's just really an honour to be recognized for the hard work."
Jeremy Jeresky

Jeresky was one of 162 entries from across Canada vying for the top prize that includes heading to Toronto, having his work shown in an esteemed museum and a cash prize.

"It's just really an honour to be recognized for the hard work, not just for me, but for all the applicants, we all worked very hard."

The BMO 1st ART! awards recognize graduating artists from across the country and is the only one of its kind celebrating the work of art students from post-secondary institutes.

Penny Chase, another ACAD student, took the regional award for Alberta.

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY
Jeremy Jeresky, 31, was the winner of the photo contest and now has his work at Ideal gallery.

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News in brief

BLAZE Fire destroyed a pair of Douglasdale homes Sunday afternoon.
Fire officials responded to calls on the 300 block of Douglas Ridge green about 2 p.m. and blustering wind and hot weather spread the flames, fire officials said.
The cause of the blaze is under investigation and no one was injured.

ACCIDENT The elderly victim struck by a vehicle Saturday morning in the city's southwest has died from his injuries.
Police will not release the victim's name until next of kin is notified.
The investigation is continuing to decide if charges will be laid in the incident.
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Buskers sing a different tune in downtown core

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The bustling whir of traffic and impatient honks of commuters aren't going anywhere, but their prominence in the soundscape of Calgary's downtown is set to wane.

Instrumental riffs will take over the core in coming weeks as a pilot project starting Wednesday opens the airwaves to buskers of all persuasions, breaking down barriers created by specific busking zones and allowing entrepreneurial street entertainers to lighten the mood of the daily pedestrian commute, said Vi An Diep.

"Sure, we're out there to make a little money, but our real goal is to serenade the people who walk by, make their day a little better just by hearing a song as they go about their day," said Diep, who has been busking on city streets as her main source of income for 11 years and plays a guzheng, a Chinese table harp.

"It should bring more buskers out of the woodwork, enhancing the cultural scene of this city on a grassroots level."

Amplifiers will not be allowed under the six-month pilot, nor will fire or sharp object jugglers and buskers, who won't have to apply for permits, will have to move from spot to spot every hour.

It was welcome news to local busking aficionado Steve Kemp, who said street music increases the core's vitality and strengthens the overall experience of heading downtown. "It's a great idea," he said.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Vi An Diep, formerly a regular busker at Eau Claire Market, plays her 21-string guzheng in downtown Calgary to lighten the mood for passersby.

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Edmonton teen gets life for birthday party stabbing
A young man, now 20, who pleaded guilty to stabbing Evan Grykuliak six times with a pocket knife at his 17th birthday party in west Edmonton almost two years ago has been given a life sentence with no chance for parole. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

Poisoned stick culprit in dog death

Burnaby RCMP believe a poisoned stick is responsible for the death of a dog over the weekend. A man who walked his two dogs in a Kensington Sports Complex in Burnaby reported his dog became sick later that evening and took it to the vet immediately, but it died shortly afterward. RCMP is advising dogwalkers to look out for suspicious activity and report any sickness or death after being at the park.

METRO NEWS SERVICE

Poll: Tories lag in enviro, health

OTTAWA The federal government is underperforming on health care and climate change, two of Canadians' top three priorities, according to a Privy Council Office survey conducted this summer. It could have implications for any fall election campaign.

But the Conservatives score better on their handling of the economy — an issue the Tories hopes to use against the Liberals in an election.

Anticipation of a fall campaign has spiked since Harper said last week he would have to decide "in the next little while" whether Parliament's work can continue or if it should be cut short with an election call.

Canadians can choose between a Liberal climate plan and a Conservative economy plan

If a vote is called, Canadians will face a choice between the Liberal environment plan — the centrepiece of Dion's platform — and Harper's position that he has kept a steady hand on the economy.

In the poll of 4,000 Canadians, 48 per cent of respondents said the Tories had done a poor job "fixing climate change" and 43 per cent said they have done a poor job on health care. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Fundraiser **Rubber duck race**

AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ten thousand rubber ducks are dumped into Lake Ontario in Toronto yesterday to launch the East General Hospital Foundation's Duck Regatta. The first duck to cross the finish line wins its owner a car.

Bears encroach on B.C.

VANCOUVER Black bears have sparked a crisis in Metro Vancouver. Three black bears have been shot in the last two weeks after entering homes.

There was no choice, said police and conservation officers. Once bears associate a house with food, they'll keep returning.

Amidst of a heat wave, residents have been leaving doors and windows open and luring in bears.

A long winter combined with a late spring in the Vancouver area has resulted in fewer wild berry crops.

"Bears are being forced to search for other food sources," said Coquitlam Bear Aware coordinator Drake Stephens, noting that they need to eat about 20,000 calories a day to put on enough winter fat.

Even grass, a bear staple, isn't plentiful — much of it has dried up in hotter than normal temperatures.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

ARCTIC SEARCH Canada launched a search Friday for two British ships on a doomed 1845 expedition seeking the Northwest Passage. Sir John Franklin and his crew of 128 died. A team will use Inuit oral history and sonar equipment to locate the ships. **REUTERS**

MAD COW Officials confirmed Canada's 14th case of mad cow disease in a six-year-old cow from Alberta. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said no part of the carcass entered the human-food or animal-feed system. It's not yet known how it was infected. **REUTERS**

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Antibodies still protect 1918 flu survivors: Study
Antibodies from survivors of the 1918 flu pandemic, the worst in human memory, still protect against the highly deadly virus with surprising efficiency, researchers report in the journal Nature. REUTERS

World

Iran launches satellite

Iran put a dummy satellite into orbit on a homegrown rocket for the first time yesterday, proving its capacity to launch satellites, the head of Iran's aerospace body said. REUTERS

Russia agrees to pull out

Russia announced it would begin withdrawing forces from Georgia today after a war that dealt a humiliating blow to the Black Sea state and raised fears for energy supplies to Europe.

Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili, whose failed invasion of the pro-Russian breakaway region of South Ossetia triggered a Russian backlash that shocked the West, called for international monitoring of the pullout during a news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Tbilisi.

Merkel said the world would indeed be watching for Russia to withdraw quickly under the terms of a six-point peace plan brokered by France.

The United States, which has warned Moscow its military actions could seriously damage relations with the West, urged Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to withdraw troops quickly.

Moscow has given no firm deadline for its withdrawal. A statement from the Kremlin read: "Russia will begin the withdrawal of the military contingent which was moved to reinforce Russian peacekeepers after the Georgian aggression against South Ossetia." REUTERS

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A column of Russian military vehicles is parked facing in the direction of Tskhinvali at the Russian side of the border with Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia.

VP candidates remain mum on their chances

POLITICS A string of potential vice-presidential candidates were queried yesterday about the possibility of being picked for the No. 2 spot, but all remained mum on their chances.

One, Louisiana Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal, flatly said he did not want the job.

"I've got the job that I want," Jindal said on NBC's Meet the Press. "I don't want to be the vice-president. I am not going to be the nominee."

Indiana Democratic Senator Evan Bayh said on CBS's Face the Nation: "I hate to disappoint you, but nothing to report today."

"Same answer here," said Minnesota Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

Time is running out for both presumptive presidential candidates, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain. Democrats begin their national convention in Denver Aug. 25, with Republicans going to St. Paul, Minn., a week later.

Neither Obama nor McCain has given any clues as to whom they are considering as potential running mates when they face off in the Nov. 4 election.

McCain created a stir last week when he said former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, a supporter of abortion rights in an anti-abortion party, could not be ruled out as a possible vice-presidential choice. REUTERS

VP candidates
Democratic Party

- Evan Bayh, 52, Indiana senator.
- Hillary Clinton, 60, New York senator.
- Tom Daschle, 60, former Senate majority leader from South Dakota.

Charges readied for Musharraf

PAKISTAN Pakistan's ruling coalition, led by the party of assassinated former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, has prepared impeachment charges against President Pervez Musharraf for violating the constitution and misconduct, a coalition official said over the weekend.

A spokesman for Musharraf, who has ruled since a 1999 coup, has insisted he would not step down.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice refused to say whether he would receive U.S. asylum if he resigned. REUTERS

Israel to free Palestinian prisoners

ISRAEL Israel confirmed yesterday it would release 200 of some 11,000 Palestinians it holds prisoner in the hope of shoring up support for President Mahmoud Abbas and the peace talks he is conducting with the Jewish state.

Though the longest-serving Palestinian prisoners may be among those released, Abbas's prime minister, Salam Fayyad, said the gesture was "not enough." He demanded that Olmert free all of the thousands of Palestinians Israel is holding. REUTERS

30 years

- Among those to be freed are two men who have each been held for some 30 years.

News in brief

IRAQ U.S. prosecutors have sent letters to six Blackwater security guards involved in a Baghdad shooting last year in a move that could lead to groundbreaking criminal indictments, the Washington Post reported yesterday. The bodyguards killed 17 Iraqi civilians while escorting a convoy of U.S. diplomats.

IRAQ A suicide bomber on a motorcycle struck a checkpoint in Baghdad manned by U.S.-backed neighbourhood guards yesterday, said police, killing 15 people, including Faruq Abu Omar, the leader of the guards. REUTERS

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Going Green

Bottle power

Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a 100-watt incandescent lightbulb for four hours, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

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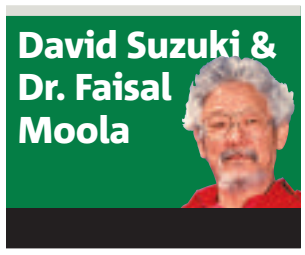
Germany has become the world's leading exporter of wind technology and is on its way to phasing out its nuclear reactors.

Germany cleans up

ScienceMatters



In 2005, I attended an international conference in Montreal on the Kyoto Protocol. There, I heard a speech by German parliamentarian Hermann Scheer. I knew nothing about him, but as I listened to him talk about how Germany had become the world's leading exporter of wind technology and was on its way to phasing out its nuclear reactors, I was blown away. Here was a politician who articulated the obvious realities about energy: Fossil fuels are finite and will run out, the biggest sources of oil are often in the most politically volatile regions, nuclear energy is also nonrenewable and bequeaths a legacy of radioactive waste for thousands of generations, and the sun provides free, clean energy in abundance to all nations.

I have since come to know this canny, fearless politician who has stayed true to his beliefs for four decades and has become so popular he doesn't have to play party politics. The problem of energy, he told me recently in Berlin, is not technological; it is political in the broadest sense. Once the decision is made to exploit a particular form of energy all kinds of expertise and infrastructure are built up.

After the OPEC oil embargo in 1973, Dr. Scheer, who has a doctorate in economics, realized that energy was a major weakness in Germany's industrial future. The country didn't have oil reserves or large rivers for hydroelectric projects and so was generating electricity with nuclear and coal plants. He realized that this made Germany vulnerable to the vagaries of geopolitics and that these were not sustainable forms of energy.

Dr. Scheer was able to introduce an innovative plan, a feed-in tariff, which commits the country to accept all renewable energy onto the grid and to guarantee a premium price for that energy for 20 years. That provided a huge incentive for individuals or co-ops to build turbines and install solar panels because banks would not hesitate to provide loans given those conditions.

As a recent article in the Globe and Mail noted, the feed-in tariff, beyond giving Germany more than 20,000 megawatts of clean energy, has also created new economic opportunities. The renewable-energy sector now "generates about $240-billion in annual revenues and employs a quarter-million Germans. Germany's wind industry created 8,000 jobs in 2007 alone."

Many people have been calling for a switch to renewable energy. Former vice-president Al Gore has called on the U.S. to switch to 100 per cent renewable energy within 10 years. In response, we've heard the same old tune from a chorus of stuck-in-the-oil naysayers. Someone should introduce them to Herman Scheer.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Water filtration eco-friendly option

Many Canadians look to bottled water for a clean source of fluids, and it is becoming a big strain on the environment. An estimated 88 per cent of all those plastic water bottles never make it to the recycling facility, and end up in landfills.

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Mrs. Fields to file bittersweet bankruptcy
Cookie retailer Mrs. Fields Famous Brands, which has some 1,200 franchises, is running out of dough and plans to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It was started in 1977 by Debbi Fields, a young mother who made cookies from scratch. **REUTERS**

Business

Bridge blast hits oil exports

Azerbaijan suspended oil exports through ports in western Georgia yesterday after an explosion damaged a key rail bridge. Georgia accused Russian troops of blowing up the railway bridge west of the capital Tbilisi earlier in the day. Russia strongly denied any involvement. **REUTERS**

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Iraq may drop oil contracts

FOOTHOLD Iraq is likely to abandon plans to sign up to $3 billion US in short-term oil contracts, a U.S. diplomat said, putting in doubt deals that would give foreign oil firms their first major foothold in the country for decades. **REUTERS**

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Aging sewers raise a stink

Insurers hit by tide of claims

The Canadian insurance industry is seeking ways to stem a rising tide of claims for water damage to homes that it says results partly from aging sewer systems that badly need replacement.

Some of its response involves raising the rates paid by customers who live in riskier areas. But insurers also want towns and cities to upgrade sewer and surface-water systems to deal with freak storms.

"The average age of a sewer system in Canada is about 60 to 65 years, and the useful life of that type of system is about 75 years," said Robert Tremblay, a director at the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the home- and auto-insurance industry group.

"The average age of a sewer system in Canada is about 60 to 65 years."
Robert Tremblay

Higher claims for messy sewer back-up problems have made water-related damage the No. 1 type of home insurance claim, above fire, theft or vandalism. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

CHEVRON Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa plans to meet with Chevron Corp. officials and lawyers for 30,000 jungle residents who are suing the U.S. oil giant for $16 billion over environmental damages between 1972 to 1992.

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Beijing Games

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Oh Canada — what a weekend!

Our athletes haul in seven medals as Beijing Olympics get much more interesting

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Canadian team members poses after winning the gold medal in the men's eight final yesterday at the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park at the Beijing Olympic Games.

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Melanie Kok of St. Catherines, Ont., and Tracy Cameron of Shubenacadie, N.S., show off their hardware after rowing to bronze in the women's lightweight double sculls yesterday.

Canada's MLB franchise, I'm told, has been trying to push key players — Vernon Wells, B.J. Ryan and John McDonald — through waivers for the purposes of trading them but, honestly, I don't feel like discussing the Blue Jays today.

No, after spending most of last week dissing Canada's Olympic squad, the only topic worthy of discussion in this York Report is the success our athletes suddenly are enjoying in Beijing.

What a weekend, eh? I guess our Olympians don't stink, after all. With seven medals over the weekend, and presumably more to come from Ontario kayaker Adam van Koeverden and others, the redness in our faces has vanished. We've earned the right to gloat, at least a bit.

We can row, row, row our boats not-so-gently down the stream, and we have four medals to prove it, including gold from the overpowering men's eight crew. We have a 19-year-old swimmer, Ryan Cochrane of Victoria, B.C., who ended our eight-year drought in the pool with a bronze medal. We have women wrestlers — two of them — you don't want to mess with because B.C.'s Carol Huynh owns a gold medal and Ontarian Tonya Verbeek has a bronze.

We also have a professor, B.C.'s Daniel K.N. Johnson, with goathorns because he assured us after his scientific research that Canada would leave Beijing without gold.

And we can breathe sighs of relief because we actually have more hardware than Cameroon, Togo and Tajikistan.

Hallelujah.

And double hallelujah for the Canadian men's eight rowing squad, which won not only gold in Beijing but also redemption for finishing fifth at the 2004 Athens Olympics. The eight thoroughly dominated in Chinese waters with wire-to-wire supremacy.

"I could see early (in the race) we'd win," said coxswain Brian Price of Belleville, Ont. "We pushed hard every stroke. It was the culmination of four years of intense work. We were so determined to make amends for Athens, and we did."

They did, in fact, convincingly.

Not that they ended the raging debate about Olympic funding in Canada. Shawn Saraga, president of www.freemyteam.com., approached Canadian Olympic Foundation chief David Armour about co-ordinating a $10-million fundraising initiative for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

"It is heart-breaking to see other countries financially support their athletes," Saraga said, "while our athletes are primarily self-supported."

On the weekend, however, Canada managed to climb the Olympic ladder respectably. Combined with U.S. swimming sensation Michael Phelps and his unfathomable eight gold medals, the Jamaican sprinters and — cross your fingers — no steroid issues, and — whaddya know? — Beijing is turning out to be quite memorable, after all.

Who needs the Blue Jays?

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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Medal count

Rank	Nation				Total
#1	U.S.	19	21	25	65
#2	China	35	13	13	61
#3	Russia	7	12	12	31
#4	Australia	8	10	11	29
#5	Britain	11	6	8	25
#6	France	4	9	12	25
#7	South Korea	8	9	5	22
#8	Germany	9	6	6	21
#9	Japan	8	5	7	20
#10	Italy	6	6	6	18
#11	Ukraine	5	3	6	14
#12	Netherlands	2	4	4	10
#13	Belarus	0	3	7	10
#14	Romania	4	1	3	8
#17	Canada	2	1	4	7

(Count at the end of Day 9)

Nadal completes hat trick

TENNIS Rafael Nadal powered to a 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 victory over Chile's Fernando Gonzalez in the Olympic men's singles final yesterday to nail a hat trick of major titles.

Nadal

"Everything feels different," said Nadal, who has won the French Open and Wimbledon titles this year and will overtake Roger Federer as the world No. 1 today.

"I've won this for a lot of people, not just me. In tennis, grand slams are a little bit more important but for a sportsman the Olympic Games are more important than anything."

Elena Dementieva beat fellow Russian Dinara Safina 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 to the women's singles crown, while the Williams sisters took the women's doubles title 6-2, 6-0 over Anabel Medina Garrigues and Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain. **REUTERS**

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Brinkley third in stolen bases
On the base paths, Calgary veteran Darryl Brinkley sits third in the GBL with 27 stolen bases ... not bad for the 39-year-old outfielder. METRO CALGARY

Series Preview

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Vipers hope to build off big win

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

Last week's road trip to Southern California wasn't kind to the Calgary Vipers.

After losing three straight games to the Long Beach Armada, the Vipers lost two more to Orange County before rebounding to beat the Flyers 7-3 in the second game of a double header on Saturday night in Fullerton.

"Baseball's like that," said Vipers shortstop Nelson Castro. "Even with the best teams, they go through struggles and that's how it is, but we're going to come out (of it)."

Saturday's win over Orange County should give the Vipers confidence heading into their nine-game homestand, which starts tonight at Foothills Stadium (7:05 p.m.) with the first of four straight games against the Flyers. The Vipers will then host the Reno Silver Sox on Friday, Saturday and Sunday before rounding out the regular season with five straight games against the Edmonton Cracker-Cats.

"We're going (to go on) a winning streak," predicted Castro. "I think we're the best team in the league, but we can't be saying that, we're just going to show it. I think we'll be okay. It's better to happen now, that later in the playoffs."

Heading into tonight's contest, the Vipers have a 15-17 record in the second half of the Golden Baseball League season, which puts them four games behind the 19-13 Cracker-Cats.

Since the Vipers already took home the first-half GBL title, they've already punched their ticket into the post-season and will likely play the Cracker-Cats in the first round.

"They're looking good right now, but we're ready for anybody," said Castro, who's hitting .328 this season with 12 home runs and 54 RBIs. "We don't care who we have to play. We're ready for anybody."

Meanwhile after winning the first-half title in the GBL's South Division, the Flyers (17-14) are in an intense battle with the Yuma Scorpions (17-12), the Armada (16-14) and the St. George Roadrunners (16-15) for second-half honours.

Castro, who hit .323 last season to improve upon his .257 average the year before in his first season with the Vipers, hopes to help Calgary end the season with a flourish.

ROBIN KUNISKI/METRO CALGARY

Calgary Vipers shortstop Nelson Castro believes the team can rebound from a tough road trip.

Carter's Flyers have hot bats

STATS Managed by former Montreal Expos catcher Gary Carter, the Flyers are led by their ace Bob Cramer (7-3, 3.87 ERA), who's tied for third in the GBL with 84 strikeouts.

Orange County also boasts three of the top four hitters in the league in Patrick Breen, who leads the GBL with a .392 batting average to go with 25 homers and 87 RBIs, along with Jermy Acey (.387, 20 HR, 91 RBIs) and David Bacani (.378).

The Vipers can counter with an ace of their own in Evan Greusel (8-3, 4.69 ERA), who's tied for the league lead in wins with Orange County workhorse Andre Simpson (8-5, 6.17 ERA). On the bats, the Vipers are led by designated hitter Felix Jose, with a .388 average to go with 15 homers and 63 RBI.

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Mets bolster bullpen with trade
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Sports

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Hull rules the day in Ottawa

Five-year LPGA Tour veteran Katherine Hull overcame a six-stroke deficit at Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club to win the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open yesterday.

Hull carded a final-round three-under-par 69 that included four birdies and a single bogey to finish 11-under for the tournament to edge her closest competitors — runner-up Se Ri Pak 10-under and third-place Yani Tseng nine-under

With the win, Hull also punched her ticket to the season-ending ADT Championship, as the $2.25 million US purse made the CN Canadian Women's Open the 13th and final winner event for LPGA Playoffs 2008.

"I'm shocked that this has actually happened to me, but obviously this is a dream come true. It's just something that all of us out here dream about as kids, and to finally have it come to reality is just amazing. I can't put it into words right now," Hull told the RCGA. "This is probably not going to sink in until tonight or even tomorrow."

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Australia's Katherine Hull won the Canadian Women's Open golf tournament at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club yesterday.

Tseng began the day with a four-stroke lead over 54-hole runner-up Pak, and a six-stroke cushion over world No. 1 Lorena Ochoa — who finished in a tie for fouth at seven-under — and Hull.

However, Hull began her charge by making birdie on the third hole while playing in the group ahead of Tseng and Pak, while Tseng made her first of four bogeys on the front nine on the same hole.

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Blue Jays' offence heats up to crush Red Sox

Blue Jays 15 Red Sox 4

MLB Blowout doesn't quite cover it. It was more like a typhoon whipping through Fenway Park. The Jays jumped on the Red Sox early and often yesterday afternoon in a 15-4 demolition.

Yesterday, the Jays brought a 4-1 record into the finale of this road swing. After one inning against Boston ace Josh Beckett, they were already up 6-0.

By the fourth, Beckett was a distant memory, having absorbed eight earned runs in his worst outing of the year. The offensive heroes were already too numerous to mention. By the end, Toronto set several season highs on offence and notched one new club record for doubles (10).

Adam Lind

The Red Sox got one back to start the fourth, a solo home run by Kevin Youkilis. The Red Sox fans on hand, who'd seen a ten-run first-inning lead erased only a week ago, cheered like they thought they were back in it. They weren't. With the bases loaded and one out, Jason Varitek grounded into a double play, effectively ending the game.

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Toronto 15 Boston 4
Baltimore 16 Detroit 8
Chicago White Sox 13 Oakland 1
Cleveland 4 L.A. Angels 3
Minnesota 11 Seattle 8
N.Y. Yankees 15 Kansas City 6
Tampa Bay 7 Texas 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9 Florida 2
Cincinnati 7 St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets 4 Pittsburgh 0
San Francisco 3 Atlanta 1
Colorado 7 Washington 2
Houston 3 Arizona 0
L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia 2 San Diego 1

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston at Baltimore, 5:05
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Detroit at Texas, 6:05
Oakland at Minnesota, 6:10
Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 6:11

NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 10:35
San Francisco at Atlanta, 2:35
Houston at Milwaukee, 6:05

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Saskatchewan	6	1	0	12
Edmonton	4	3	0	8
CALGARY	**4**	**3**	**0**	**8**
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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	5	3	0	10
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Alcohol consumption

A new study from a U.S.-based institute found that college women aged 18 and 19 who binge drink —consuming 4 or more alcoholic beverages per day — are almost 20 times more likely to experience sexual aggression, ranging from unwanted groping to rape. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Outbreak

There are five confirmed and at least 16 suspected cases of E.coli in connection with the University of Guelph's food services. The victims are believed to have been infected with the bacteria between July 21 and 25.

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Stringing stats into history

OddJobs

Diane Peters

Nobody knows who I am or what I'm doing, thought Dale Stevens that April day in 1997 when he sat in the press box for the first time at Toronto's SkyDome (now the Rogers Centre).

It was opening day for the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team and the box and the stadium were packed. Stevens pulled out his brand new laptop, hooked up his modem and recorded in painstaking detail every pitch of the game. Every ball, strike and foul went into his computer and travelled electronically to the offices of Total Sports to be printed in various publications and eventually online.

Stevens, now 44, began his part-time job as a stat stringer in a less glamorous form about three years before. In the early 1990s, Stevens would buy a statistics-laden program from the same guy outside SkyDome when he attended games and the two would chat about baseball and numbers — an aspect only a few people were into at the time. Stevens was one of them: he lives in Dundas, Ont., and works at nearby McMaster University as an accountant.

"Do you have any interest in doing some stat keeping?" the guy asked him one day. Not long after, Stevens found himself sitting in front of his TV with a scorecard and writing down every play. He'd fax the finished card at the end of the game to a company called The Baseball Workshop and earned $10 for his troubles.

When Total Sports took over the stringer network, Stevens got the press pass and laptop, but also more money and some legitimacy. The job got even more official when Major League Baseball itself hired the stringers in 2001.

Now, Stevens' play-by-play stats, including details of where balls are hit into the field, get uploaded in real time to mlb.com. At the end of the game, he makes sure his numbers jive with those of the official scorer, and then his stats become the official record of the game. Stevens works about 30 games a season in the park (two other stringers fill out the rest of the schedule) and another 25 at home as a support person. For that job, he watches a game on TV and suggests via instant messenger to a stringer, usually at a U.S. ballpark, how to record difficult or unusual calls.

These nights at home are perfect for helping put his two eight-year-olds to bed. And he'd probably be watching the game anyway: Stevens loves all sports and baseball is his favourite. "You're getting money to watch baseball, it isn't the worst job in the world."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Getting paid to watch baseball "isn't the worst job in the world."

The Lowdown

Job title: Baseball stat stringer

Salary: $100 a game

Education/Training: You have to know computers and have a "really in-depth knowledge of baseball."

Best Part of the Job: "Being in the ballpark and knowing what I'm doing is something that's going to be part of the record of the game forever."

Worst Part of the Job: "Driving back and forth. It makes for a really long day. Sometimes the game goes into extra innings, you're on the road and you put on the radio and hear the (highway) is down to one lane and it's going to take two hours to get home."

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CRTC OKs Canadian adult video channel
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Entertainment

MTV digs Shut Up video

The Ting Tings' video Shut Up and Let Me Go has been nominated for video of the year at this year's MTV Music Video Awards.
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Leaked ABC memo causes a stir among TV executives

THIEVES LIKE US: Nikki Finke, the insider's insider on Hollywood's backroom dealings, leaked an ABC memo last week that allegedly has an executive VP advising anyone who wants a producer's credit on an ABC show to keep their eye out for foreign productions whose premise is vague enough to warrant ripping off.

Needless to say, it's set off a bit of a brush fire in a town where that sort of thing can result in whole suburbs reduced to ashes.

"Foreign formats have increased in popularity as the basis for U.S. television development," wrote one Howard M. Davine, in a June 24 memo sent to network "term deal executive producers." Davine detailed how buying foreign shows for U.S. adaptation seems sweet, but the inconvenient foreigners who came up with the original idea have this unfortunate tendency to want credit and, horrors, even payment.

The Europe-based Format Recognition and Protection Association demanded ABC repudiate Davine's memo, and added that they'd be fighting the network as well as Disney, its corporate parent, on behalf of the international producers it represents.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Reuters:

1. **Tropic Thunder:** $26 million US
2. **The Dark Knight:** $16.8 million
3. **Star Wars: The Clone Wars:** $15.5 million
4. **Mirrors:** $11 million
5. **Pineapple Express:** $10 million
6. **The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor:** $8.6 million
7. **Mamma Mia!:** $6.5 million
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	243	317	3 CFCN	TMZ (N)	Degrassi: Next	Canadian Idol Top five.		High School Musical: Picture		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		News (N)
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	-	371	5 KXLY	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	High School Musical: Picture		*Bewitched* ★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy)		
	245	306	6 CBRT	(4) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)						XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)		
	244	338	7 CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	Risk Takers Paramedics.		Prison Break (HDTV)		House "The Jerk"		News Hour
	246	-	8 CKAL	Friends	Friends	Reaper "Acid Queen"		Friends	Friends	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Your City
	119	705	9 CBXFT	Chine	La Zone olympique (N) (SC)			Le Téléjournal	Les XXIXe Jeux Olympiques d'été (HDTV)			
	-	-	10 SHAW	(6) Local Programming						Local Programming		
	-	372	12 KREM	News (N)	Hollywood	Friends	Scrubs	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Old Christine	CSI: Miami
	-	374	14 KSPS	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Jack Benny	Wait for God	Antiques Roadshow		History Detectives (N)		Documenting
	502	390	15 CBC	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Radiation Roul.
	-	370	16 KHQ	News	Raymond	Jeopardy!	Wheel-Fortune	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)				
	-	373	22 KAYU	'70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Prison Break (HDTV)		Sarah Connor Chronicles		News (N)
	297	652	37 WPIX	One Tree Hill "" (HDTV)		CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men	Friends	Sex and-City	Will & Grace	Frasier
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	508	502	31 CNN2	Glenn Beck		Nancy Grace		Showbiz Tonight		Glenn Beck		Nancy Grace
sports	400	400	21 TSN	(4:30) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)				SportsCentre		Bud Greenspan: At the Heart of the Games		
	408	418	27 net	(6) MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers. (Live)				World's Toughest Cowboy		Sportsnet Connected		Best-Sports
	410	403	30 SCORE	(7:15) WWE Monday Night Raw				(9:15) Stump the Schwab		WWE Monday Night Raw		
	411	457	44 OLN	Amazing Race: Family Edition		Departures		Pilot Guides		Don't Forget Your Passport		Amazing Race
	417	406	48 SPEED	101 Cars-Drive	Car Crazy (N)	Barrett-Jackson		Pinks (HDTV)	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR		101 Cars-Drive
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	557	541	39 FAM	Zoey 101	Life Derek	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han. Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School
	555	545	67 TOON	6teen	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Tom & Jerry	Tom and Jerry	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	*Armitage III*
	575	583	11 CMT	Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Roseanne	Karaoke Star "Calgary, AB"		Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.
	553	546	17 TREE	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears	Babar	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	-	-	18 CHTV	'70s Show	E! News	X-Weighted "Jannette"		Engagement	How I Met	12 Sexiest Vegas Jobs		News (N)
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	602	568	23 W	Shopping Bags	House	How Clean	How Clean	How Clean	House	Confidential	Divine Design	How Clean
	521	560	24 TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (HDTV) (N)		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Take Home Nanny (HDTV)		Jon & Kate Plus 8 (HDTV)		Jon & Kate
	603	561	25 FOOD	Good Eats	Perfection	Kitchen Nightmares		Restaurant Makeover		Iron Chef America		Good Eats
	615	520	26 A&E	Intervention In-Depth: Meth		Paranormal	Paranormal	The Cleaner (HDTV)		Intervention "Chad"		Intervention
	617	522	32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Adrift"		Cold Squad		Trailer Park	Billable Hours	*Clockwork Orn*
	601	562	33 SLICE	Wedding SOS	Party Mamas	The Millionaire Matchmaker		End of Leash	Spoiled Rotten	Wedding SOS	Party Mamas	Matchmaker
	-	633	34 ENC2	(6:55) *Bad Money* ★★ (1999, Comedy) Graham Greene.				*Chariots of Fire* ★★★ (1981, Drama) Ben Cross.				*The Boxer*
	520	505	35 DISC	Really Big Things		Dirty Jobs		Daily Planet		Really Big Things		Dirty Jobs
	620	523	36 BRAVO	Northern Light		Bravonews	Delicate Battle	Law & Order "Passion"		Without a Trace		Entourage
	294	650	40 WPCH	(6) *Out of Time* (2003)		Frasier	Frasier	Seinfeld	Cheers	*Out of Time* ★★ (2003, Suspense)		
	626	547	41 COM	Laughs	Rick Mercer	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	MADtv
	-	539	42 TCM	(6) *The Big Knife*		*Monte Walsh* ★★★ (1970, Western) Lee Marvin.				*The Professionals* ★★★ (1966, Western)		
	628	584	43 SPIKE	UFC Unleashed		*Kung Fu Killer* (2008, Adventure) David Carradine.				*Kung Fu Killer* (2008, Adventure), Daryl Hannah		
	522	516	45 HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Untouchable"		Dogfights "Supersonic"		*Hostage* ★★ (2005, Action) Bruce Willis.		
	627	528	46 SPACE	Taken "Dropping the Dishes" (Part 8 of 10) (DVS)				Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek: Ent.
	-	-	47 AMC	(6) *Fatal Attraction* (1987, Suspense)			*Halloween* ★★★ (1978, Horror) Donald Pleasence.				Shootout	*Be Cool* (2005)
	619	525	49 TROP	Are You Smarter		Deal or No Deal Canada		ET Canada	What Happen?	X-Weighted "Diane"		Smarter
	600	564	50 HGTV	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Location, Location, Location		Holmes on Homes		Design U	Home to Stay	Property Virgin
	501	391	52 CTV	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
	504	508	70 BNN	Taking Stock		Market Call		Business News		Market Call	Money Talks	Taking Stock
	526	507	92 CLT	Decoding the Past		Traders "A Bitter Pill"		The West Wing		Peking to Paris		Decoding-Past
	269	350	93 APTN	First Talk	News	Mupu	Desti'Nations	Notre Peuple		*Justice* (1999, Drama) Julie Khaner.		
	-	-	94 MCP	(6:30) News	News	The Land	Daughters-Law	Doctor Song Lian Sheng		Marimar		Telesine Night
	571	581	100 MMM	Rockschool "Melody"		Rockschool "Soloing"		Popaganda		I Know My Kid's a Star		Listed
	570	580	101 MM	MuchNews	The NewMusic	PunchMuch		MuchTopTens		Punk'd	Instant Star	Video on Trial
	581	566	102 MTV	(6) The Hills Premiere Event		The Hills	After	MTV Live	Second Half	Super Sweet	Super Sweet	The Hills

critics' corner

How Clean Is Your House?
This series clicks on two levels: as a guilty pleasure — veddy proper British ladies confronted with good old American filth are fun to watch — and as a how-to for the cleanliness-challenged. And who could use cleaning lessons more than a bunch of college guys? That's Aggie and Kim's mission in "A Frat-Tastic Disaster," as they show members of a fraternity how to transform their chapter house from grime scene to pristine. 11 PM on W

Northern Light
Don't even think about spelling the names of the collaborators involved in this hourlong special honoring different cultures' music. A combination of song, dance and storytelling, the program features Christos Hatzis' music. His tunes are fleshed out by others including Aqsarniit, Ronda Nychka, Laakkuluk Williamson and Michael Kusugak. 7 PM on BRAVO

Charitable fellow
George Clooney is planning to invest more money in pal Brad Pitt's housing project in New Orleans, La., after sponsoring the building of two homes earlier this year. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

DeGeneres weds de Rossi

RELATIONSHIPS Talk show queen Ellen DeGeneres has wed her longtime girlfriend Portia de Rossi in an intimate ceremony, imdb.com reports.

DeGeneres, 50, and actress de Rossi, 35, exchanged rings at the private service in the backyard of their Beverly Hills home on Saturday.

Just 19 guests watched as the couple read aloud their handwritten vows, including DeGeneres' mother Betty and de Rossi's mother Margaret Rogers, who flew in from her native Australia for the occasion.

The couple's spokesperson tells People.com, "Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi were married tonight in an intimate ceremony at their home in Los Angeles."

Shortly after the wedding, DeGeneres taped an interview for her daytime talk show, which is where she first announced in May she would wed the Arrested Development star.

California lifted its ban on gay weddings in May after the state's Supreme Court ruled the ban on same-sex unions was unconstitutional.

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Stars donate to Ledger's daughter

LEGACY Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell have donated their fee for completing Heath Ledger's final film role to the late star's daughter, imdb.com reports.

The acting trio agreed to play versions of Ledger's character Tim in The Imaginarium of Dr Parnassus following his death in January. And they decided to donate their fees to two-year-old Matilda — Ledger's daughter with actress Michelle Williams — because the star left an old will which did not include the little girl. Director Terry Gilliam has praised the actors for their generosity, saying: "That's extraordinary! And wonderful... and when you're part of that, you think, 'Ah, this is maybe why I went into the movies in the beginning.'"

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celebrity brief

J. Love drops extra pounds

IMAGE Jennifer Love Hewitt has hit back at critics who ridiculed her for putting on weight — by showing off her new slim figure in a U.S. magazine, imdb.com reports. Love-Hewitt has had the last laugh after unflattering photos of her in a bikini splashed across the web, by shedding 18 pounds through a rigorous exercise programme.

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celebrity brief

Mayer opens up about breakup

RELATIONSHIPS Though John Mayer and Jennifer Aniston were decidedly mum about their romance, the singer is opening up about their breakup, people.com reports. "There's no lying, there's no cheating, there's no nothing," Mayer told reporters Saturday about his split with Aniston. If anything Mayer had only praise for his ex, saying: "Jennifer Aniston is the smartest, most sophisticated person I think I have ever met."

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Duff engaged to NHLer?

RUMOUR Actress/singer Hilary Duff has sparked rumours she's taking her relationship with hockey star Mike Comrie to the next level, after she was snapped wearing a ring on her wedding finger, imdb.com reports.

The 20-year-old star was spotted leaving Hollywood's Il Sole restaurant with National Hockey League star Comrie on Friday night when she flashed her left hand to reveal a ring. And the shot has sent gossips into a spin — leading many to speculate over whether Duff and Comrie are engaged.

The couple has been dating for more than a year following Duff's split from Good Charlotte rocker Joel Madden.

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celebrity brief

Sheen, Richards top Nasty poll

DIVORCES Charlie Sheen and Denise Richards have topped a new magazine poll listing Hollywood's Nastiest Splits, imdb.com reports. The bitter exes, who have been battling over custody of their two daughters and embarked on a vicious war of words since splitting in 2005, beat out Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills in the In Touch countdown.

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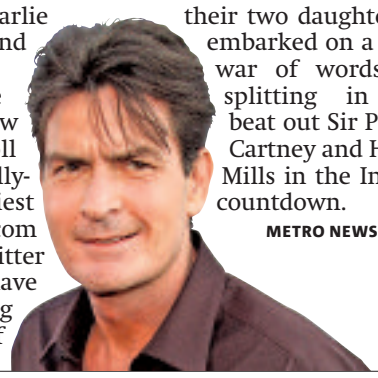

"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

George Clooney is big on buying into Brad Pitt's housing project in New Orleans. He buys houses that Pitt builds and gives them to people less fortunate. Listen, I just took a quick look at my hairline, bone structure, resume, bank account and wardrobe, and I can safely say I'm less fortunate than George Clooney. So, uh, do I qualify?

Jennifer Love-Hewitt has illustrated just how much power we who turn to the last page of the Metro have, and by that I'm guessing I mean every single one of you. She shed 18 lbs. after being hurt by gossip reports ridiculing her for having become too heavy. We laughed, she shrank. Our next assignment, gentle readers, is to get Britney Spears to wear underwear on a regular basis.

I hope Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie stay together for a long time. Not because I care about either one of them, but because I like it when American publications identify people as 'ice hockey players.' Like, as opposed to what, tonsil hockey?

I can't believe the golden age of Anisyer is over. I think we are going to look back on the five or six weeks that Jen and John were together the way people of a certain generation look back on the presidency of John F. Kennedy, except that Kennedy wasn't such a preening douchebag, and Jackie didn't have a chin so big you could see it from space.

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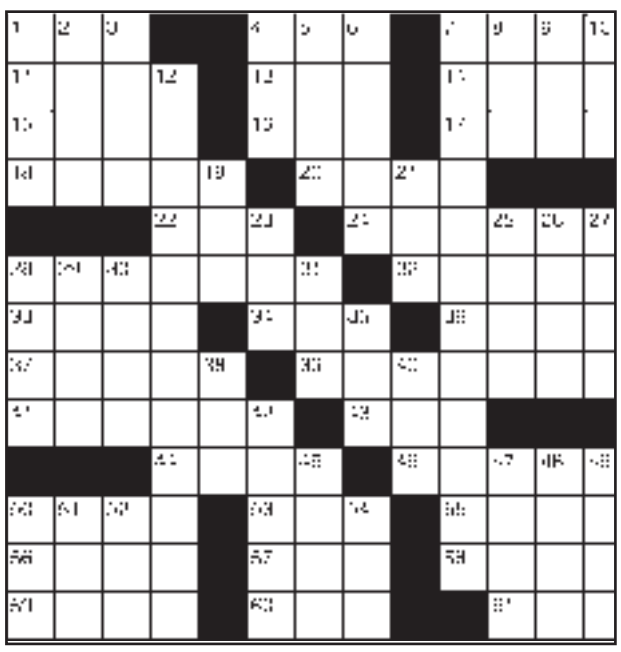
Spector's retrial will not be halted
An appeals court panel has rejected a request to halt the retrial of Phil Spector, the music producer accused of killing an actress in 2003. The decision from the 2nd District Court of Appeal came Friday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Easter entree
2 Cain's victim
3 Ballerina's frill
4 "Uh-huh"
5 Grand story
6 Cheesy chip
7 Slogans
8 Rage
9 Golf prop
10 Sweet potato
12 Decorative cushions
19 Underwear with underwire
21 "— Impossible"
23 Curved line
25 One of HOMES
26 Landlord's due
27 Collections
28 Farm measure
29 Curds' partner
30 Hardy cabbage
31 — and don'ts
35 "Charlotte's —"
38 U.S. spy org.
40 Police officer
42 Nerd
45 Rescue
47 Minuscule bit
48 Fishing-line attachment
49 Carriage
50 Firmament
51 Inseparable
52 Depressed
54 Crimson

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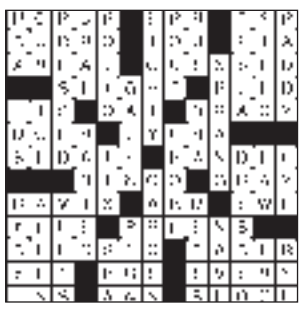
Crossword across

1 Long. crosser
4 Longing
7 "Sex and the —"
11 Touch
13 — tree (caught)
14 Vicinity
15 Illegal stimulant
16 Snapshot
17 Abound
18 Short publicity notice
20 Stylish
22 Man-mouse link
24 "Do unto — ..."
28 Clumsy
32 Binge
33 Fellow
34 Intimidate
36 Suggestion
37 Archaeologist's find
39 Mysteries
41 It may be covered in shadow
43 Feathery accessory
44 Legislations
46 Any of 150 in the Bible
50 Unaccompanied
53 Listening organ
55 Needle case
56 Be certain of
57 Night before
58 Angry
59 Evergreens
60 Foundation
61 Guys

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Agreements will reinforce a friendship. Everything you wish to accomplish will have support. An analytical co-worker won't destroy plans.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Good luck comes from other people's money. A love affair becomes distressing. Use your people skills to move forward.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Daydreams trigger a need to get away from it all. Used belongings come in handy. Lively emotions encourage conversations.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
There'll be mayhem when a man arrives. Walking is the remedy for wounded feelings. You're dissatisfied with a con man's lies.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Heed a relative's call to action. Be a calming influence in a heated argument. Balance your accounts with a miser.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Others will pay attention to you. Dissension caused by financial problems is blown out of proportion. Someone plays a mind game.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Rumours abound when someone is vexed. Nervousness about a story will backfire. Somebody else will be punished if you behave badly.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Trying to hide evidence produces bad faith. Paranoia over gossip causes a wretched episode. A sick person whines about misery.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Strange events make you feel disoriented. A humble guy is given a reward. An unemployed person makes a dumb mistake.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Game-playing produces feelings of inadequacy. Refuse to fight a losing battle. Change the pace of your love life.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A friendly soul will bring contentment. Dodge the desire to think for others. Find your dream job through an older friend.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Someone is given credit that belongs to another. Tell everyone to treat you with respect. Your optimism about changes is noted.

This day in history

AUG. 18, 1958: Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel Lolita is published in the United States.
AUG. 18, 1963: American civil rights movement: James Meredith becomes the first black person to graduate from the University of Mississippi.
AUG. 18, 1969: Jimi Hendrix plays the unofficial last day of Woodstock.
AUG. 18, 1971: Vietnam War: Australia and New Zealand decide to withdraw their troops from Vietnam.
AUG. 18, 1983: Hurricane Alicia hits the Texas coast, killing 22 people and causing over USD $1 billion in damage (1983 dollars).

Sudoku

						4	9	2
1		3			5		7	
	6			8		1		
9				1			6	
	8						3	
	3			9				7
		6		3			4	
	2		7			6		9
7	5	9						

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	1	3	5	2	7	6	8	4
2	4	7	6	1	8	5	3	9
5	6	8	3	9	4	1	2	7
6	8	9	2	3	1	7	4	5
1	5	2	7	4	6	3	9	8
7	3	4	9	8	5	2	1	6
3	2	5	8	6	9	4	7	1
8	7	1	4	5	3	9	6	2
4	9	6	1	7	2	8	5	3

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13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising
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Temperature
Normals
High: 22.9°
Low: 8°

Records
High: 33.3°/1919
Low: 0.6°/1890

Sunrise: 6:28 a.m.
Sunset: 8:50 p.m.
Moonset: 8:40 a.m.
Moonrise: 9:17 p.m.

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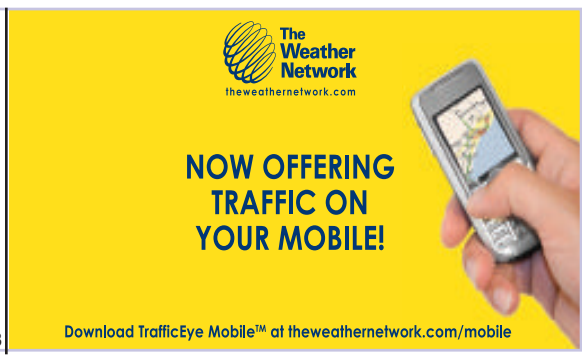

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